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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have not so far received any proposal to grant relief to orchard growers for fasli 1362. They will consider the question of giving relief later if it is found necessary."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Are not the Government aware already that valuable orchards worth lakhs of rupees have been lost? " 10-45 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government are aware that orchards are valuable. But concrete proposals are not yet ready."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBAYYA :—" Is it not the duty of the Government to help the ryots who are in distress having lost what all they have, by way of investment in the gardens? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is the duty of the Government to give relief to ryots when they are in need of it."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that Rajampet taluk forms part of the worst famine-affected area of Rayalaseema? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I think so, Sir."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" How long will the Government take to finalize the proposals to help the ryots? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It may not take a very long time, Sir."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" We have been told, Sir, that it may not take a very long time. May I ask the Hon. Minister whether he will publish the proposals within a few days? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" In this case, it won't take a very long time, Sir."

Representations from the cane-growers of Thummapala Sugar Factory.

* 29 Q.—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that representations have been made by the cane-growers of Thummapala Sugar Factory Area (Visakhapatnam district) to the effect that the Sugarcane Co-operative Society be entrusted with supplying cane to the Sugar Factory for the next year; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The matter is engaging the attention of the authorities."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Is it a fact, Sir, that the management of the Thummapala Sugar Factory has not followed the rules in regard to the payment of minimum price for the cane supplied during 1951-52? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" That supplementary question does not arise here, Sir."

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether similar representations have been received from the sugarcane growers of Vuyyuru, Krishna district? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister was pleased to state that the question of prices does not arise out of the present question. May I know, Sir, whether it is not one of the points in the representation received by the Government? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The point that was stressed in the representation was about the supply of cane to the factories through the co-operative society, and that matter is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the Government will take a decision on this before the cane crushing season is over? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It is the intention of the Government to take a decision in the matter before the cane crushing season commences and not after it is over, Sir."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" In view of the fact that for this factory the season has practically come to an end, may I know how long the Government will take to come to a decision? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The representation was not concerning the last crushing season at all. It relates to the supply of sugarcane in the coming season."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether because the supply of cane was not entrusted to the co-operative society last year, there was corruption in regard to the supply of cane to Thummapala Sugar Factory? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" Supply of sugarcane to the factories by the co-operative societies is not the system in this State."